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BASE BALL, ALL LIVE SPORTS

BOB MEUSEL DESERVES SOME OF CREDIT GIVEN TO MIGHTY BABE



"Walk Babe and I'll make him run," is the deft that Bob Meusel tosses daily to the pitchers that face him. In three recent games Meusel has turned loose a home run, six two baggers and one single. The big Californian has stepped out among major league sluggers as second only to his illustrious predecessor at the bat, Babe Ruth, and visiting outfielders are getting a lot of exercise while chasing the drives from Meusel's bat. Ruth has been the greatest drawing card that the Yankees have had in years and will undoubtedly be for some years to come, but nevertheless Meusel deserves some of the credit that is given to the mighty Babe. For a recruit he has proved to be a veteran.

ERA OF PROSPERITY IN ENGLISH RACING

Immense Crowds Have Attended All of Big Events

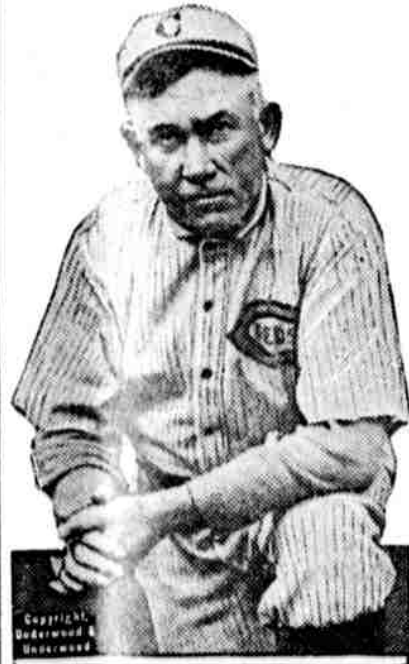
Increase of Rich Stakes and Purse Shows Sport Is Flourishing at Newmarket—Other Clubs Expected to Follow.

Evidently horse racing in England is enjoying the same era of prosperity that is visiting the sport in this country. Advances from the other side indicate that immense crowds have attended all of the big events held there thus far, and further attestation of the sport there has just been received in the announcement that at the recent annual meeting of the Jockey club it was decided that in future \$10,000 stakes and \$5,000 to the \$5,000. The conditions of other races at Newmarket are being changed with a view to making stake increases fairly general.

This action by the Jockey club is regarded in England as being but the forerunner of a general and material increase in the values of practically all of the principal stake events. It is confidently expected that Epsom and Doncaster will follow Newmarket's lead and that Epsom will increase the value of the Derby and Oaks and that Doncaster will do likewise in the case of the St. Leger.

In commenting on the situation the Daily Telegraph of London printed the following in a recent issue: "The example of the Jockey club is there for all others to read and learn. It means everything. One has so much respect for what the Jockey club may do by way of example as to be quite sure others will follow as a matter of course, either through the dictates of courtesy and respect or of policy. In this case policy may mean the other thing."

MANAGER MORAN HAS SIGNED



AUGUST HORMANN, president of the Cincinnati Nationals, announced that Manager Ed Moran had signed a contract to manage the team during the seasons 1921 and 1922.

PLAY FOR FOOTBALL EMBLEM

English Soccer Players Contested for Cup Annually From 1872 Until War Broke Out.

The English cup emblematic of soccer football superiority has been played for annually since 1872 to 1914 and because of the war was discontinued until this year. London Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers and Aston Villa each won it five times. Wanderers and Rovers thrice in a season.

GRATITUDE OF PLAYER

A ball player will take a bad decision from an umpire that is in his favor and never say what he thinks. He'll even throw it up to the umpire, as this incident shows:

In a recent St. Paul-Toledo game Duke Duncan apparently made a pick-up off Kelly's bat, after a great sliding dive. Umpire Murray ruled it a fair catch, a double play resulted and Duncan was a hero.

Later in the game Duncan came to bat and claimed he had been hit on the foot by a pitched ball. "The ball hit me," he howled.

"No, it didn't," answered Murray.

"How do you know," shouted Duncan. "You miss 'em all. You said I caught that fly in the fourth inning; I didn't; I picked it up off the ground."

So much for a ball player's gratitude.

Squibs of Sport

The Antwerp stadium covers ten square acres.

A perfect swing is Harry Vardon's best golfing asset.

Jack Dempsey will meet all comers in the pugilistic arena.

All Naval Academy athletic squads are coached by professionals.

Princeton and Harvard clash at Cambridge Saturday, November 6.

The University of Pennsylvania supports 20 different sporting activities.

Nat G. Herreshoff always makes a wooden model for every yacht he builds.

Miss Mary Browne of San Francisco will not play in Eastern matches this season.

Frank L. Kramer is enjoying his twenty-second year as a professional bicycle rider.

The 300-mile endurance race for horses from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., to Camp Devens, Mass., will take place October 11 to 15.

Man-o-War, the champion three-year-old racehorse, stands 16 hands 2 inches in height; weighs 1,100 pounds and is 72 inches in girth.

Edward Horemans, famous balk line billiard player, may visit this country in the near future. He hopes to play champion William F. Hoque.

Fredie Welsh, former lightweight champion, is to make a "come-back." He is in training and will make his reappearance in the ring soon.

New York city will boast a modern velodrome, when its six-lap arena at Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Broadway is opened September 1.

The Danbury (Conn.) Agricultural society will continue its dog show, now the oldest in point of continuity in this country, except the Westminster, on October 7 and 8.

Ervin Daily, University of Washington, works his way through school, supports a wife and baby, captains football and track squads, belongs to a frat and studies law.

Australasia has won the Davis cup six times, England five times and America three times. No other nation has won the famous trophy put up by Dwight F. Davis of St. Louis.

Golf Bug Hits Boxers.

Many boxers are taking to golf as an aid to their training, and Charlie White gives it credit for making him into a new fighter. Among those who tramp over the links are Jimmy Wilde, Charlie White, Benny Leonard, Mike Gibbons, Jack Dempsey, Georges Carpentier and Richie and Pinkie Mitchell.

Baseball Notes

Art Nehf and Rube Benton are two new pupas on the Giants.

Ivan Olson, the Brooklyn shortstop, is playing his tenth season in the major leagues.

Of course Babe Ruth is receiving the lion's share of the praise of the Yankees' success.

Pitcher Harry Donovan, who started the season with Akron, was recently turned over to Syracuse.

Larry "Nap" Lajole is making too much money selling auto tires to return to baseball as a manager.

Bunny Hearn made four southpaws on the Toronto pitching staff, so it was decided Quinn would have to go.

Pitcher Guy Rickard, Cornell university recruit, has joined the Reds. They immediately christened him "Tex."

Outfielder Curtis Walker of the Augusta, South Atlantic league club, has been sold to the New York Giants for \$7,000.

The St. Louis Browns have purchased Catcher John Heaving from the Battle Creek club of the Milt league.

Clark Griffith at last has the fast and hitting outfield he has longed for—and then other parts of his team fall him.

Grover Alexander is one pitcher the Brooklyn Dodgers have it in for, as Grover has beaten them three times this season.

Eayrs, a pitcher who has been subbing as an outfielder for the Boston Braves, is one of the few .300 National league hitters.

Buzz Murphy, the outfielder who performed for a while with the Griffs last season, has jumped the Minneapolis Millers.

John McGraw and his rushing New York Giants have been making quite a hole in the pennant hopes of the Champion Reds.

Tommy Long was the second Louisville pitcher to pitch a no-hit game this season, Ernie Koob already having turned in one.

Big Tim Lincecum is pitching some great ball in the outlaw leagues of Mississippi. Trix Speaker would like to have Tim back.

Infielder Douglas Baird has been added to the New York team, Brooklyn asked waivers on the player and McGraw refused to waive.

Catcher Earl Dohmney may be on his way up again. The Danville Piedmont league club has sold him to Wilson of the Virginia league.

The Vernon Tigers are hoped to repeat in the Pacific Coast league. The Seals and the Bees are the clubs which they'll have to beat to cop.

Yale will try a new thing in training its baseball squad next spring. Coach Lander will train the Elks in the South during Easter vacation.

The names of Barney Oldfield and Frank Chance are being mentioned in connection with a possible transfer of stock in the Los Angeles ball club.

Squire Elberts accompanies the Superiors on all trips. Before each game he makes a short speech to them in the clubhouse. It works magic on the players.

Whenever Jack Coffey decides it is time for the Des Moines club to win a ball game he calls upon Ted Odenwald, the eighteen-year-old left-handed phenom.

Clark Griffith has been buying up some minor league ball players, but some of them stick out like beards. Maybe he's on the wrong end of a David Harum deal.

Frank Ishbell has a rare player in Catcher "Yanyan" Yaryan. He is leading the Western league in home runs, besides being a catcher of the Steve O'Neill type.

The Chicago Cubs have bought Pitcher Perry Jones from the Eastland club of the West Texas league. He is to report at the close of the West Texas season.

Charlie Jamieson, the youngster who has been keeping veteran Jack Grady on the bench most of the season, covers as much ground as Speaker. They're some pair.

FRED MERKLE NEVER ON WINNER IN WORLD'S SERIES CONTESTS



Two extremes in world's series experiences are furnished in the cases of Fred Merkle, the only player who has competed in series with three different clubs, and Harry Hooper of the Boston Red Sox, who has participated in four championship sets, always starting in some department. Merkle was with the Giants in the series of 1911, 1912 and 1913, all of which were lost by the New York club. In 1916 he played with Brooklyn, and the Robins were defeated by the Red Sox. In 1918 Merkle was with the Cubs, who also lost in the big series. Hooper was with the Red Sox teams of 1912, 1915, 1916 and 1918, all world's series winners. Incidentally Hooper helped to bring about the defeat of all three clubs on which Merkle has played in world's series.

LIKES HIS FUNGO BAT

When the Washington team was in New York Sam Rice walked over to the Yankees' bench during practice and handed Roger Peckinpaugh a bat, saying:

"Peck, do you want a bat to hit fungoes with? I tried to fatten my batting average with it, but hit nothing but air, so you can have it. There wasn't a hit in the whole forest they cut this bat from."

Peck tried the bat in the game that day and all he got was a three-bagger and two doubles.

He hunted up Rice after the game and asked him if any other Washington player had a "fungo bat" he'd like to get rid of, but Rice was too sore to answer him.

Sporting Notes

Nineteen states have passed physical education laws.

Harvard and Yale inaugurated their rowing races in 1852.

West Virginia university has made wrestling a minor sport.

Austrian trotting derby at Vienna recently attracted 30,000 spectators.

Johns Hopkins will have 10,500 seating capacity for football next fall.

The United States Davis cup tennis team will sail for New Zealand November 10.

There are eleven stakes in the fall meeting of the Metropolitan Jockey club at Jamaica.

Thanksgiving day will mark the start of 100 days of horse racing at Oriental park, Havana.

Another futurity stake, with \$40,000 added money, has been added to the list of events at Pimlico, Md.

Virginia football eleven plays Rutgers at New Brunswick October 23 and Harvard at Cambridge October 30.

Yale expects to sent 68,000 for its gridiron battle with Harvard in the New Haven bowl Saturday, November 20.

The stable of horses owned by the late Joseph Bowne Elwell has been purchased by Lloyd Gentry, former jockey.

Jack Dempsey is becoming desperate in looking for logical opponents. He has offered to meet any two of the heavyweight delegates in one night.

Peter the Great, 2:07 1/2, now twenty-five years old, the most successful sire of trotters, will feed on hothouse oats, grown expressly for him, next winter.

Annual field trials of the Continental and National field trials clubs will be run over a new 15,000-acre preserve near Hartsboro, Ala., in January.

Charley White claims he was the victim of a lucky punch in his recent bout with Benny Leonard at Benton Harbor and he has challenged Leonard to a return bout.

JUMPING IS MENACE TO BASEBALL TEAMS

No Adequate Punishment Conceived to Combat Evil.

Athletes Who Disregard Contracts Are Attracted by Immediate Enrichment—Texas League Hit Harder Than Usual.

How to curb contract jumpers has taxed the brains of the wisest heads in baseball, but beyond the threat to ostracize restless athletes from the game for a five-year period, no punishment has been conceived successfully to combat this growing menace, writes Otis Harris in Shreveport Journal. Nine athletes out of 10 who vault the barrier give little thought to the future, but are attracted away from the organized game by promise of immediate enrichment and of prospect of year-round employment in the industries which they represent on the diamond.

The Texas league this season has been hit harder than usual by contract jumpers, three teams having either been completely broken up or badly crippled, and while the names of the jumpers have been placed on the blacklist, this has not been effective in keeping others in the harness.

The jumping athletes will be replaced in time, but in these days of a shortage in the market, the rebuilding process must necessarily be slow. The fact that contract jumpers have no standing whatever in organized baseball and that they automatically bar themselves from the game for five years when they leave is given little thought by the players themselves, and unless some more effective means is discovered to handle them, contract jumpers will be beyond handling at all in another season.

The war is on between organized baseball and the independents, and the latter seem to have the best of it as far as it has gone. They haven't been able to wreck any leagues, but their activities are causing many club owners sleepless nights.

GANDIL RETIRES FROM GAME



Chick Gandil, former first baseman of the Red Sox, who started the 1920 season in the independent Idaho league, has retired from baseball for the remainder of the season, and it is possible that his retirement may be permanent.